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SUBJECT: ADMIRAL MILLER (RET) ASSESSMENT OF DOMINICAN

REPUBLIC MILITARY REQUIREMENTS

REF: SANTO DOMINGO 1284

1. APPROACH OF UTILIZING COMMERCIAL SALES AND ASSISTANCE OF MR. MILLER IN ESTABLISHING DIRECT CONTACT BETWEEN GODR AND US SUPPLIERS IS CONSISTENT WITH PROVISION IN SECTION 1, FMS ACT, WHICH ESTABLISHES USG POLICY OF PREFERENCE FOR COMMERCIAL SALES WHENEVER PRACTICABLE. APPROACH IS CONCURRED IN BY STATE AND OSD/ISA, BOTH OF WHOM MILLER HAS KEPT FULLY INFORMED.

2. IN ACCORD WITH ABOVE REFERENCED STATUTORY PROVISION, THIS APPROACH IS A CONSTRUCTIVE WAY TO PROCEED. IT IS HOPED THAT THE MAAG WILL PLAY AN APPROPRIATE PROFESSIONAL ROLE IN ADVISING THE DOMINICAN ARMED FORCES AS THEY PROCEED
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DOWN THE LINE IN PROCURING WHATEVER THEIR GOVERNMENT

PERCEIVES THEY NEED.

3. SUGGESTION SHOULD NOT BE MADE THAT GODR GET INVOLVED IN FMS PROCUREMENT FOR THESE ITEMS EXCEPT AS REQUIRED FOR GOVERNMENT-FURNISHED EQUIPMENT ON A-37 AIRCRAFT OR OTHER ITEMS NOT COMMERCIALY AVAILABLE. IT MIGHT BE WELL TO

POINT OUT THAT MANY IF NOT MOST EUROPEAN COUNTRIES, JAPAN AND CANADA CONDUCT ARMS PURCHASES TO MAXIMUM EXTENT POSSIBLE ON A STRICT COMMERCIAL BASIS. IT IS HOPED THAT GODR APPROACH TO THESE ARMS PURCHASES WILL FOLLOW THAT TRACK. KISSINGER

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